

Bridge 1 – Getting Started Course Plan Fall 2019; Tuesdays, 5:30-8:30 pm

Course Objective:

- Use MiniBridge to gain basic playing skills without knowing bidding
- *(these concepts are pulled out of the Bidding book and learned first)*

Course Materials:

- MiniBridge Packet
- Hands from ACBL Bridge Series, Club Series: Bidding in the 21st Century, 2010



Course Registration:

Fort Collins Senior Center, 970-221-6644; Activity Nbr: 412460-01,
\$59 (15% member discount - \$49.30; scholarships available)

Italics in Chapter refer to chapter and page (3:76) in the Bidding textbook but skip bidding parts.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1	9/3	MiniBridge (1,2)	Experiential learning by playing. Fundamentals: etiquette, card deck, shuffle, deal, card rank, play to a trick, ruff using trump, hand valuation, partnership, determine who plays the hand, set contract, play hand.
2	9/10	MiniBridge (8:284,3:76, 4:109)	Suit rank, scoring, make PLAN. Strategies to take extra tricks (Promotion, Length). Initial lead by defender.
3	9/17	MiniBridge (5:152)	More strategies to take extra tricks (Finesse). Guidelines to improve partnership play.
4	9/24	MiniBridge (6:204,7:248)	More strategies to take extra tricks (Ruff in Dummy, Discard Losers on Extra Winners in Dummy). Putting PLAN together – entries, holdup (duck), unblock.